

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT No. 1
Bridgewater Township
PO Box 109, MARTINSVILLE, N. J. 08836**

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
July 10, 2012

Minutes of the July, 10 2012 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Rose, who gave notice of the Sunshine Law requirements.

Present were Commissioners: Mr. Rose, Mr. Lichtig, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Van Nostrand; and Mr. Durant, Also present were Chief Bradley and Asst. Chief Cowley.

The minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. Motion made by Mr. Durant to approve, second by Mr. Kalafsky and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for June, as of July 10, 2012, was presented by Mr. Van Nostrand, motion made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve; second by Mr. Lichtig, and passed. The bills for June up to July 10, 2012 were presented, and a motion to approve all presented bills was made by Mr. Durant, second by Mr. Lichtig, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:04 PM. It was requested that all wishing to speak must stand, state their name and address:

No requests from the public; the meeting was closed to the public at 8:05 PM

Correspondence:

- Claim Letter requesting additional information on the stolen gear racks
- Letter from the Squad that the radios and equipment had been received and are being installed
- COI from Middlesex Fire Academy for training
- Letter from Asst Chief Cowley that he had lost his pager at a fire.

The Chief's report for June 2012 was distributed; no questions were raised.

A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to accept the Chief's report, second by Mr. Lichtig, and was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

- No Report

Insurance and LOSAP:

We received the insurance policy for Steve Tomazic and Justin Fernandes, it is on file.

There has not been any correspondence from the state about the LOSAP audit.

Claims have been filed for the two pagers that were lost.

The insurance claim and estimate for the brush truck damage was submitted and the check has been received.

The Insurance Company had a number of questions on the age and value of the gear racks. It was questioned if we want to pursue this claim. It was estimated that they were purchased in 1998 or 99; Discussion followed. Chief Bradley was to try to find the original invoice and /or cost and also to get a replacement cost of like, kind quality of the stolen racks.

Membership and Personnel:

- Drew D'Amico resigned; all gear and radio were returned.

Trucks Out of District:

- Structure Fire Drill 7/16/2012 at the Middlesex Fire Academy - two trucks and the support unit
- Baltimore Fire Expo 7/17-18

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Bridgewater Joint Board:

- Meeting was held June 19th in Martinsville.
- Fire Inspector's report and township construction projects.
- Anyone getting hurt during official fire services must report it to township Human Resources.
- Camp Cromwell opens 7/2 through 9/11 there will be multiple open fire pit burnings throughout the season. MVFD is not required to stand by but the Chief will be notified.
- Scott bottle bulk purchase was discussed
- Next Meeting in September at Green Knoll.

New Development:

- No Report
- Vosseller Ave. is going to be closed to all through traffic.

Vehicle Training:

- Ongoing

Stolen Gear Racks:

Discussed above; a total of 18 bins were stolen and the Chief is trying to get the original cost and current replacement cost.

New Fleet Apparatus:

- The Chief and Captains will be going to the Baltimore Fire Expo to get some ideas.

43-141 Brush Truck off Road Accident:

- Received the check from the insurance company need to schedule the repair.

Meeting Recording

- The New Digital Recorder is in place and operational.

New Business:

Discussion and an invitation from the mayor to all the chiefs and members of the fire community for a meeting at the Middlesex Fire Academy with US Senator Menendez; The meeting pertained to the 2012 “Aid to Firefighter grants” Chairmen Rose and Peter Mone attended the Meeting. The meeting was described as quite the political event with several political dignitaries attending. There is a July 6th 2012 deadline for applications for fire assistant grants. Chairman Rose discussed with Chief Bradley a potential grant for a back-up generator for station #2. We received a quotation for the generator and the application has been filed.

A motion to adjourn the June 12, 2012 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky, and seconded by Mr. Durant. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.